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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by US retreat from international affairs. Much of the economic and social success of the US in the past 80 years is associated with international engagement. The rebuilding of Europe after world war two created markets for our goods and immigrants to develop our research and industries. US leadership in trade, peace and environmental negotiations have made a better world while benefiting our interests substantially. Your recent trip around the world appears to have left a huge vacuum. Germany is talking about not being able to count on the US. Russia is ramping up its influence in Europe. Egypt feels that you have blessed human rights violations as long as they are presented with anti-ISIS lip service. The State Department remains seriously understaffed and you have proposed gutting its budget.

Please assure me that you will keep the country engaged with the world.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our moral world leadership.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson